

REMARKS

I. Formal Matters

Claims 1-3, 7-22 and 24-29 are all the claims pending in the present Application. By this Amendment, Applicant hereby amends claims 1-3, 16-18 and 24 for reasons of clarity and precision of language.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for accepting the drawings filed on March 28, 2008.

II. Objection to Specification and Claims

The Examiner has objected to certain claims as containing informalities. Applicant has amended the claims as requested by the Examiner.

III. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 26, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Biskeborn et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,883,770). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Initially, Applicant notes that the Biskeborn '770 reference is not the same Biskeborn reference as the one relied on in the previous Office Action (U.S. Pat. No. 5,905,613 to Biskeborn).

Furthermore, Applicant notes that the Examiner has already relied on the Biskeborn '770 reference once before, in the Office Action of June 12, 2007. In that Office Action, however, the Examiner relied on a different figure (FIG. 4) than the figure relied upon in the present Office Action (FIG. 13).

Nevertheless, with respect to claim 26, Applicant respectfully asserts that the Biskeborn '770 reference fails to teach, or even suggest, "a guide block [wherein] said magnetic tape slides on an edge of said servo signal recording head and on an outer edge of said guide block."

Instead, FIG. 13, the figure relied on by the Examiner, at most, shows the tape sliding on the middle portion of outriggers (70). FIG. 13 is reproduced below.

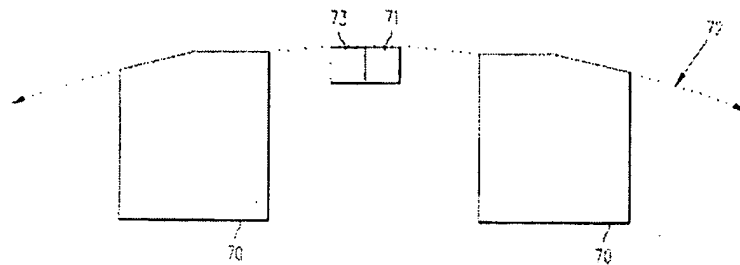


FIG. 13

Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner has not properly given weight to the term "outer," as recited in claim 26. That is, it is well known that, when examining the claims of an application, "[a]ll words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art." MPEP § 2143.03; see also *In re Wilson*, 424 F.2d 1382, 1385, 165 USPQ 494, 496 (CCPA 1970). Additionally, "[w]hen evaluating claims for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103, all the imitations of the claims must be considered and given weight. MPEP § 2143.03; see also *Ex parte Grasselli*, 231 USPQ 393 (Bd. App. 1983) *aff'd mem.* 738 F.2d 453 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

The Examiner's interpretation of the "outer edge" of the guide block limitation of claim 26, effectively gives no weight to the word "outer." That is, under the Examiner's interpretation, there is no distinction between an "outer edge" and just an "edge." Biskeborn

'770, at most, refers to an angle formed between the head and the edge formed in the middle of the outrigger's (70) surface.

For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 26 is not anticipated by the cited art of record.

With respect to claims 28 and 29, these claims depend from independent claim 26. As such Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims should be patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 26.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-3, 7-22, 24 and 25 have been allowed.

The Examiner has also indicated that claim 27 contains allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant holds rewriting of this claim in abeyance until the arguments recited above have been considered.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

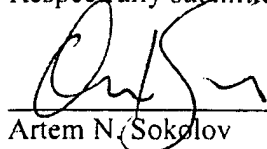
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